MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Is there any proposal to increase the staff of the Special Officer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, there is.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : When the staff is increased, will the legitimate claims of the Ezhava community be considered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The appointments referred to are appointments of Special Jenmikaram Settlement Officers and those appointments require special qualification. Subject to the possession of special qualifications, the Ezhavas will also be appointed.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Am I to take it that, if candidates from the Ezhava community possessing the necessary qualifications are available, their claims will be considered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Candidates selected for admission to the Engineering College, Madras, during 1933.

26.* **MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the number of candidates selected from each community by the Government for admission to the Madras Engineering College this year (*i. e.* 1933) ; and

(*b*) the number of Ezhavas who had applied to the Government for being selected for admission to the Madras Engineering College this year (*i. e.*, 1933) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The number of candidates selected from each community by the Government for admission to the Madras Engineering College during 1933, is:—

A. Engineering Class.

(1) Nair	...	1	
(2) Brahmin	...	1	
(3) Christians			
(*a*) Roman Catholic Syrian	...		1
(*b*) Syrian non-Catholic	...		1
Total	...		4

B. Upper Subordinate class.

(1) Christians			
Marthoma Syrian	...	1	
Syrian	...	1	
(2) Hindu (Ambalavasi)	...		
(3) Brahmin (Saraswath)	...		

As the Syrian Christian and Saraswath Brahmin candidates for the Upper Subordinate Course withdrew their applications expressing their inability to join the College, two other candidates having the best qualifications selected from the original list were also allowed admission.

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They are :

1 Jacobite Syrian Christian.
1 Syrian Catholic.

There were no fresh applicants for the vacant seats.

(*b*) one.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Am I to take it that this number of Ezhava applicants is for both the Engineering College classes and the Upper Subordinate Classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know why the one Ezhava who had applied for selection was not selected?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He was ineligible under the Rules.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know the exact nature of the ineligibility under the Rules ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He was overaged.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) May I know whether the member is aware that the restriction as to age could be exempted under the Rules?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No. The Madras Government required this Government to select only candidates eligible under the Rules.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether the Madras Government can exempt backward communities from Rules?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They can exempt only Mahomedans, depressed classes and Oriya candidates.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Is the member aware that, if the Ezhava candidates apply direct to the Engineering College, they can get exempted ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether there is only one Engineering College in South India ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the Government have any objection to leave the selection of these candidates to the respective Colleges instead of the Government themselves doing it ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Madras Government wanted this Government to do it. Anyhow Government have no objection to consider that question.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know who selected them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government.

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MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Which machinery ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government with the advice of the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Have the Principals of any of the colleges any voice in the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

Appointment of a Tunnel Expert.

27.* **MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a tunnel expert has been appointed as Assistant to the Electrical Chief Engineer and if so the terms on which he was appointed ;

(*b*) whether he has been appointed in the hope that Government would be able to carry on the tunnelling work with his help and whether it has now been found that such scheme is not practicable ; and

(*c*) whether they now propose to give the tunnelling work on contract to foreign firms and if so whether there would be any necessity for the continuance in service of the tunnel expert ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. N. V. Dorofeef, A. M. I. E. (Ind.) formerly Tunnel Engineer in the Hydro-Electric branch of the Punjab P. W. D, has been appointed, subject to the following terms, as the Resident Engineer in charge of the Tunnel and Civil Engineering works in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme for a period of three years with effect from 15th April 1933:—

1. He will be paid a monthly salary of Bh. Rs. 1,400 without free quarters.

2. His appointment will be for three years subject to six months' notice on either side.

3. He should contribute to the State Provident Fund 1/11th of his salary to which Government will contribute an equal sum, the whole accumulating at compound interest at the usual rate *viz.*, 5 per cent.

4. He will be allowed travelling allowance at the rates usually admissible to an officer of his pay according to the Travancore Service Regulations.

5. He will be entitled to first class passages to England for himself and family not exceeding 4 in all in case he leaves India immediately after the termination of his service here.

6. He will be eligible for casual leave under the T. S. R. and two months' privilege leave in a year as a special case in consideration of the unhealthy and strenuous nature of his work in tunnel boring and considering that he will be working all days including holidays. Privilege leave will have to be availed of during the term of his service unless it is refused in the exigencies of service.

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